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11 December 2012

SUBJECT: Minutes of VBMA Regularly Scheduled Meeting Held on 11 December 2012

Present ,Jack Giesen, Jan Wojciechowski, Bill Hauser, Lyle Wold, Janine Davis, and Bruce Mulkey, all VBMA members. Another attendee was Rod Swanson, member of the public.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM by Jeff Davis. This meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at the 40 et 8, on 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA.

2. The minutes from prior meeting had been emailed to all members by Jeff Davis. Reading of minutes was dispensed with by vote.

3. Treasurer's Report was given by Jack Giesen. He emailed the report earlier, and so summarized its details. He cited the VBMA bank account had \$3,504.63 after the last bills were paid. The deposits included donations from the Five Guys restaurant and Peppermint Dental of Vancouver, around \$193.00.

4. Website report, Bill Hauser said he could not get a web counter in the website, but could not get it to work. He said he would get with Jaillethe soon. Bill and Jeff will work on the 2012/2013 web update in December, Jeff suggested anyone who wanted to add things to the website to send to Bill. Later in the meeting, Keri spoke about the facebook page for the VBMA, and said she would update it as 2013 continued. But she asked VBMA members to include links on their own Facebook page.

5. Building Committee Report. Jack Giesen stated that the prospective buyer might have been an anonymous buyer; who was likely to decline to purchase, but we would know more by December 15<sup>th</sup>. . Jeff stated that he contacted US Digital would produce a promotional video on the Hathaway Project for the Hathaway Project.

7. Fund Raiser Committee report. Fundraisers in 2013, Joe's Crabshack 16 April, followed by a fundraiser on 17 May, and Halloween at Hathaway, 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Jeff and Janine met with a professional fundraiser on Friday 7 December, who was involved with many museum projects. She requested additional information from the VBMA.

6. Old business discussed:

a The Randy Schlechter Collection and when to begin inventory. Jeff said this would be happening 27 – 28 and 30 December at the storage facility.

b. Possible donation of a German MP-40 submachine gun. The donation was still in progress. One issue was where to store the weapon, not at anyone's home.

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- c. Donation of a Japanese bayonet captured on Iwo Jima, in VBMA hands.
  - d. Donation of a WWII uniform worn by a paratrooper who served in both the 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions, wore the 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division.
7. New business discussed:
- a. Rod Swanson came to the meeting and brought a collection/selection of historical postcards. It included several of the Vancouver Barracks. He said he would be interested in lending scans of the barracks to the VBMA. He said he procured many at local swap meets. Jack Giesen proposed setting aside monies to ask Rod to buy more cards. He made a motion to set aside \$100 for postcards. Motion seconded and approved.
  - b. Jeff said that the NPS was in favor of continuing displays at their interpretive center, but the VBMA had to remove their Timberwolf displays. The NPS request included re-doing historic talks on the founding of the barracks, the North Vancouver Barracks, and the 1856 Battle of the Cascades. Jeff also asked anyone who wanted to, should propose talks for the regular VBMA talk program.
  - c. Jack Proposed meeting informally on December 29<sup>th</sup>, at the 40 et 8, which was their pizza night. This would be only a social event.
  - d. Jack showed the membership a copy of a DVD on the 41<sup>st</sup> Division, which he loaned to Janine. He suggested everyone watch the video.
  - e. Jeff spoke about New Membership and membership renewals for 2013. He asked everyone to think about any interested people who might want to join, as the VBMA grew.
  - f. Lyle spoke about the May 2013 Timberwolf tour to Europe. He also mentioned that he saw two WW2 scout vehicles for sale. Jack Giesen said he would distribute the information to the CMAC. Lyle also mentioned that the 40 et 8 approved rotating a display every month in their small display case. This will begin in January.
8. No further new business being discussed, Jeff Davis read the minutes and they were approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Signed:  
Jefferson Davis  
Acting Secretary  
Vancouver Barracks Military Asn